

DBIA-WPR 2026 Education Summit & Awards

Call for Presentation Proposals

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) – Western Pacific Region (WPR) will be hosting its 10th annual Education Summit & Awards on Sunday, May 17, 2026 through Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona and you are invited to submit a proposal for presentation! Presentation sessions will take place on Monday, May 18th and Tuesday, May 19th. This year's conference theme is **Collaborate. Innovate. Deliver. Owners Leveraging Design-Build for Success.**

The summit provides a platform for experienced, knowledgeable, and well-spoken industry professionals to share experience with innovative funding, collaborative delivery, and smarter technology related to Design-Build project delivery. Be an integral part of DBIA WPR, as we educate our membership and promote the value of Design-Build project delivery.

SUBMITTALS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST.

Although there is no restriction on topics, the primary focus this year will be Collaboration, Delivery, and Innovation with consideration given to how these subjects contribute to the success of Owners delivering their Design-Build projects. Suggested potential topics of interest are listed below.

COLLABORATION & DELIVERY	INNOVATION	TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
Considerations in choosing design-build or progressive design-build delivery	Smart technology	Transportation projects (i.e. transit, rail, highways, bridges)
Example of Owners receiving the support needed for success.	Innovative funding sources/securing funding; innovative financing models	Water / Wastewater projects
Building trust across teams including the Owner.	Innovation that drove success	Sustainable Infrastructure and Renewable Energy
Performance-based requirements and goals. Performance metrics used to measure success.	Legal and regulatory innovations impacting Design-Build delivery	Streamlining delivery in transportation and utilities without sacrificing quality
Successful outcomes of conflict resolution, feedback loops, early stakeholder engagement, collaborative scheduling, etc.	Leveraging technology to enhance team communication, decision making and transparency. Opportunities for Owners	Navigating complex regulatory agencies and environmental compliance

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Collaboration as a risk mitigator	Trends owners should watch	Community engagement for public projects.

ONLINE PRESENTER & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must include:

- All submitted papers must follow the same format as requested during the online submission
- All submitted files must be labeled with the primary presenter firm/organization name
- Primary Presenter and Co-presenter(s) Name, Title, and Full Contact Information
- Headshots as a jpeg for **all** presenters
- Bio's (300 words or less) for **all** presenters

Do not submit unless all items in the above guidelines are included.

PRESENTER AGREEMENTS

All presenters must agree with the following, prior to submitting:

- The Primary Presenter to be prepared and agree to serve as the main point of contact, including coordination with co-presenters, and ensuring that each **presenter registers online for the full education summit within 2 weeks of selection notification.**
- Adding or changing presenters after acceptance of the presentation proposal will not be allowed, except under extenuating circumstances.
- All presenters agree to provide a copy of their presentation 1 week in advance of the conference in pdf format. Please upload pdf to Speaker Resource Center and email it to **admin@dbiawpr.org**. Please bring a copy of your presentation on a thumb drive to Scottsdale.
- All presenters agree that their presentations can be shared with attendees. Any specific business-sensitive information not in the public domain not to be shared with attendees needs to be clearly identified as part of the submission.
- Presenters will be financially responsible for full education summit registration and hotel fees.
- Presenters' name, title and credentials will be listed as submitted.
- If utilizing an admin assistant, do not enter them as a presenter. Please add them only in the ADMIN section.

To assist you, please click on the link below to see a sample of the submittal template, that all are to follow for submission.

[2026 Submission Template](#)